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30th October 75

A. O. Shepard, Treasurer
National Bank Note Company
New York N.Y.

Sir.

I will thank you to deliver to the bearer, Mr C. H. Price, the plates held and used by you in printing impressions of for illustrating Bank Note Detector
national currency for Laban Heath & Co., together with any rolls, dies etc., that you may have pertaining to the same.

Mr Price will give you his receipt therefor. He has been authorized to bring them to this Department

Very respectfully

A. U. Hunt

Acting Secretary

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C.J.H.

30th October 75

Yours Robertson, Treasurer
Continental Bank Note Company
New York, N.Y.

Sir,

I will thank you to deliver to the bearer, Mr E. W. Price, the plates held and used by you in printing impressions of, for illustrating Bank Note Detector
national currency, for Laban Heath & Co. together with any rolls, dies etc, that you may have pertaining to the same.

Mr Price will give you his receipt therefor. He has been authorized to bring them to this Department.

Very respectfully

Asst. Secretary

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Washington D.C. Nov. 2nd 1875.

Hon. Benjamin H. Bristow.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Dear Sir:

Having learned that an order has been issued for the destruction of certain plates and dies used in illustrating the Counterfeit detectors published by Laban Heath & Co, at Boston, Mass. I would respectfully ask that the execution of the order be delayed until Heath & Co. can have an opportunity to present reasons to the Department why these plates and dies should not be destroyed. I will briefly state my interest in this matter: In 1872, or 3. a young man by the name of Laban Heath, who was a native of my county in N.H. called upon me requesting that I should guarantee to the Department payment for such plates and illustrations as the Secretary of the Treasury had given him authority to have made for use in his work, entitled "Heath Counterfeit Detector".

Knowing his father to be a man of wealth and considering Mr Heath an honest man I deposited my written guarantee at the Department as requested. The work which Mr Heath was then publishing, was endorsed by every President and bank officer in the House of Representatives 68.

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and several Senators and met with a rapid and ready sale. Encouraged by the chief and other officers of the Secret Service Bureau of the Treasury who prized his work highly, Mr Heath conceived the idea of publishing a history of all the bonds issued by the Government with illustrations from duplicate of the original plates, which duplicates were to be segmentally mutilated to prevent any counterfeiter from reaping any benefit by transfer or otherwise. After much importuning, I consented to prepare the letter press; in fact, I really collated and prepared the whole work for the press. Before the bond detector was published and just as Sec. McCulloch was retiring, I was called upon very much to my surprise by Mr Hobbs, the financial clerk to pay a very large sum of money for duplicate plates and for printing some six thousand pounds of paper which was to be used in illustrating the bond detector. These illustrations had been shipped to Boston without examination, but supposing they were perfect I paid at different times to the Dept. and the Bank note Companies who held the currency plates, some $15.000 in pursuance of my original contract. When the illustrations which were printed at the Treasury Dept.

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upon thick plate paper, were opened at Boston and sent to the binders, they were found to be nearly all imperfect and unfit for use. The result was that the work could not be issued, and the letter press together with a very valuable lot of coin plates which had been prepared for the work was rendered worthless. The facts were represented to the Treasury Dept. and preparations were made to reproduce these illustrations in a perfect manner but before the work was accomplished Congress passed a bill prohibiting the Printing Bureau from performing work for private parties. This provision was put upon the appropriation Bill to correct certain abuses which it was said had grown up, such as putting the heads of distinguished men, printing elaborate cards of invitation &c for officials. Of course this legislation bankrupted Mr Heath as he had expended some $10.000, upon the bond detector besides the amounts I had been compelled to pay for him. He thereupon made an assignment to me of all the plates, dies and other material, and I have been seeking, with the aid and assistance of Mr Heath, for the past year to either secure some redress from the Treasury Dept.

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or secure permission from Congress to have these illustrations reproduced. A committee appointed by Sec. Richardson visited Boston, examined the plates and reported unanimously that we might to have relief. But as the Secretary did not see any way to give such relief except through legislation, the matter still rests. Now, if these plates are destroyed, it will be impossible for these illustrations to be reproduced, and the Treasury Dept. it seems to me cannot do less than either recommend that we have relief for the injury done us. or allow us the use of the plates for which we have paid the Dept. a large sum of money although as yet we have received no benefit or remuneration for outlay of $30.000 which we have made.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
N. G. Ordway.

Endorsement.
Treasury Department
Received Nov 3. 1873.

Washington D.C. Nov. 2. 78
N. G Ordway.
Request that the execution of the order for destruction of certain plates &dies be delayed.

Respectfully referred to the Chief of the Bureau of Engr & Printing. Chas F. Conant.
Asst. Secty.
Sec'ts Office
Nov. 11. 1873

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July 7th

Gen'l B. McCarta, Esq.
Chief of Bureau of
Engraving and Printing:

Sir:

You are authorized to print
for Messrs Labau Heath and Company
a sufficient number of Impressions
from the Printers Plates, as may be
approved by the Solicitor of the
Treasury, and as may be
necessary to make good the
deficiency in previous delivery,
which was paid for by them.—

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Bureau Engraving and Printing
12th November 1875

Hon N. G. Ordway
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter of the 2nd instant I am directed by the Hon Secretary of the Treasury to state that the plates and dies used in illustrating the "counterfeit detectors published by Laban Heath and Co. at Boston were brought from the bank note companies to this Bureau for safe keeping.

I request to say that the American Bank Note Company, without instructions from this Department, cancelled the plates, dies, &c used by them in this work.

Very respectfully &c,
Geo B. McCartee
Chief of Bureau

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Bureau of Engraving & Printing,
16th February 1869.

Hon. C. F. Conant,
Act. Secretary of the Treasury,
Sir:

I transmit herewith copies of correspondence between Messrs. Laban Heath & Co. of Boston, and this Department, respecting the printing of bank note and bond paper of that firm.

These copies have been requested by Messrs. Heath and Ordway, who I learned called upon you for them some days since.

I am
Very respectfully,
Geo. B. McCartee.
Chief of Bureau.

12 Enclosures, viz:

Laban Heath's letter dated Sept. 3- 1866
" " " " June 11- 1868
" " & Co's letter dated Sept. 19- 1868
" " " " " Nov. 18- 1868
" " " " " Feb. 23- 1869
" " " " " Feb. 25- 1869
" " " " " Feb. 26- 1869
" " " " " March 1- 1869
" " " " " March 1- 1869
N. G. Ordway's " " Feb. 27- 1869
Hugh McCulloch " " Sep. 4- 1866
" " " " Jan. 15- 1867

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Boston, Mass.
May 29th 1876.

Hon. Lot M. Morrill,
Secretary Treasury -
Sir.

Your petitioner, Laban Heath of Boston, Mass. respectfully represents that he is the author of what is known as Heath's system of detecting counterfeit money, bonds or other securities at sight. The system referred to consists in placing before those having occasion to handle money or other securities, cuts, vignettes, dies & lathe work from genuine notes and securities in book form with proper explanations in order to familiarize such persons with the intricacies of the true or the genuine work, and thus enable them to detect a counterfeit at sight, That where the notes of State Banks were withdrawn and the Govt issues substituted upon the written recommendation of nearly every Bank Office in the Senate and House of Repr. the Hon. Hugh McCulloch, then Sec. of the Treasury, gave his authority in writing a copy of which is enclosed herewith, allowing the Printing Bureau and Bank note Cos having the U.S. dies & plates in their possession, to print upon thick soft

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plate paper, illustrations to be used in said Detectors. That thereupon your petitioner in accordance with said authority paid to the Am. Bank Note Co. the Continental Bank note Co. the National Bank note Co. and the U.S. Printing Bureau large sums of money for transferring or making new plates with segmental mutilations prescribed by the Secretary in order to print the before mentioned illustrations for his work. That he continued to order and have printed these illustrations from time to time without objection until an amendment was placed on an appropriation bill sometime since which prohibited any portion of the money appropriated for that fiscal year from being used for work done for private parties. This amendment was not intended to apply to the work done for the Counterfeit Detector, but was intended to prevent the engraving of heads or orgnettes of officials or private parties without pay. It this amendment seemed to apply to that appropriation only, and in as much as Heath & Co. have always paid and are willing to pay the full cost of producing these impressions and plates — and in as much as the A.M. Bank Note Co. without authority from the Treasury Dept. has cancelled and destroyed

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the plates belonging to Heath & Co. at the time they were called in by the Dept. Your petetimer respectfully requests that you will examine into this matter and if you find from reference to the Secret Service Bureau, and after a conference with Mr Casilear, Chief of the Engraving Division that it is for the best interest of the Govt that you will recommend that these plates be reproduced, and that impressions for illustrating the before mentioned work be allowed to be printed under the supervision of the Treasury Department, by some Bank Note Co. in Washington or by the officers of the Printing Bureau. And your petetimer further represents that he is not aware that any unfavorable criticisms have been made by Bankers or others interested in relation to his having the right to use these plates in illustrating this work, but on the contrary he believes that the work has been commended by a large proportion of the Bank officers in the Country as well as by nearly every officer of the Secret Service whom he has met since its publication.

In proof of the above he transmits herewith a letter from Hon. Charles B. Hall, Secretary of the Assn. of Banks for the supperessing of Counterfeits to which he might add, if

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necessary, an unlimited number of Letters from Bank Officers and business men throughout the Country endorsing his work.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.
Laban Heath.

Endorsement.
Boston, Mass.
May 29. 1876.
Laban Heath
Rel. to his system of detecting counterfeit money. —

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Washington D.C.
July. 17th 1876.

Hon. H. C. Jewell.
Chief of Bureau Engraving and Printing
Treasury Dept. U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

Having made application to the Hon. Secy. of the Treasury for a re-issue of certain mutilated impressions of National Bank notes & greenbacks the plates of which were destroyed by the American Bank Note Company & which were used by me in illustrating my counterfeit detector, I have the honor to request early information as to the cost of engraving 13 plates 9¾ inches long by 7½ inches wide for the Bank edition and 11 plates 6½ by 4½ for the pocket edition.

There are I believe 3 plates for the bank edition & 2 for the pocket edition that were not destroyed as they were held by the National & Continental Bank note Co's.

These plates will want to be printed from however and can be used.

Please to estimate the cost of making plates for each edition and cost of printing from each set of plate per thousand copies.

I am prepared to enter into a contract for the execution of this work and to give satisfactory reference or obligation for the payment

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therefore.

I will call on Thursday at your Dept. for the information asked for and will then be prepared to execute a contract for the work desired if satisfactory.

Very respectfully
Your obt. svt.
Eaban Heath.

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Copy.

Treasury Department
Bureau of Engraving and Printing
20th July, 1876.

Hon. Lot M. Morrill
Secretary of the Treasury:

Sir:

In reference to the petition to this Department of Mr. Laban Heath of Boston that authority be given the Bureau to print impressions of Government bonds, &c. from genuine plates for the purpose of illustrating certain publications entitled Heath's Bank Note and Bond Detector and to which I have already verbally called your attention, I beg to present for your information, as requested, the following facts in connection with the work heretofore done for Messrs Heath & Co.

These publications are intended for the use of bankers, brokers and others, and certain full and accurate description of all the Government issues, illustrated by impressions from genuine and counterfeit plates placed in juxtaposition. They are highly commended and their use, it is claimed, enables one at a glance to distinguish a counterfeit.

An arrangement to print impressions of genuine plates, &c. was made with Messrs Heath & Co. on September 3, 1866, by Mr. Secretary McCulloch, and an order was given on the next day to this Bureau to commence

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the work. Subsequent orders were given covering the time from 1866 to 1871, when the work was discontinued.

In the act provided for deficiencies approved March 3, 1869. (Statutes-at-Large, vol 15, p. 312), there was a clause forbidding work to be done in the Bureau for private parties, and the work was suspended until the Department decided that the law was no longer in force.

The bank-note companies of New York City who then did almost the entire printing of the national currency, were authorized to and did print for Messrs Heath & Co. impressions of national currency from genuine plates, which were prepared at their expense. On the transfer of the face-plates for national currency from the companies in July 1875, to this Bureau, the American Bank Note Co., without authority, canceled the plate in their possession belonging to Messrs Heath & Co. In order to secure uniformity in the various editions of their work, they also desire the plates so destroyed to be reengraved, and offer to reimburse the Department for the same.

All the plates for securities, &c. prepared for these publications are so marked and mutilated that the Government is secured from loss by the improper use of the impressions therefrom.

In the absence of any law prohibiting the work, which will be of no cost to the Department that will not be reimbursed, and as these publications are presumably for the public benefit, I can see no

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objection to the request of Messrs Heath & Co. being granted.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully, &c.,
Henry C. Jewell,
Chief of Bureau.

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Washington, D. C.
July 26th 1876.

Hon. Lot M. Morrill,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Dear Sir:

Referring to our recent letter, in which we request that you will extend the authority heretofore granted to us by the Hon. Hugh McCulloch, allowing the use of certain portions of the work used on the National Currency for the purpose of illustrating our Counterfeit Detectors, we desire to add that should you see fit to grant our request, the order should be so drawn that it will authorize the Chief of the Printing and Engraving Bureau, to prepare plates properly mutilated, and print for us such parts or sections of the National Currency as we may require which in his judgment may be safely used to illustrate our works:- we to pay to the Government all expenses connected therewith.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servts.
Laban Heath & Co.

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This is Aug 4. 1876

Bureau of Eng. & Printing,
11th & B. August 18th 76

Hon Lyman Heath,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am in reply to your communication of the 1st inst. ultimo, requesting information as to the cost of engraving certain plates and printing therefrom, I beg leave to say that plates of the size you mention will cost as follows: Size 7½ inches by 9¾ inches $10.00 each; 4½ inches by 6½ inches $25.00 each. The cost of printing from the same will be as follows: For each 1000 impressions from the large plates, 7½ in. by 9¾ in. $15.00, for each 1000 impressions from the small plates, 4½ in. by 6½ in. $6.00

The entire cost for an edition of 1000 of the large size and 10,000 of the small size, based upon the above rates, would be as follows:

For the large size:

Nine plates for denominations, size 7½ x 9¾, at $10.00 each - $90.00
One plate for frontispiece, size 7½ x 9¾ - 50.00 $50.00

For the small size

Eight plates for denominations, size 4½ x 6½ at $25.00 each $200.00
One plate for frontispiece size 4½ x 6½ - $25.00 - 215.00

For printing

5000 impressions from each of the 10 large plates equals 50,000 impressions at $15.00 per 1000 750.00
10000 impressions from each of the 9 small plates equals 90,000 impressions at $6.00 per 1000 - - - - - 540.00 Making the

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Bill and ... approved at London $ 210.00

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully, &c.

Henry S. Sanford

Late of Brussels.

Approved:

Edwd. Everett

Acting Secretary

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Letter lacks date
This on or
after August 4
1876

Hon. H. C. Jewell
Chief Bureau of Engraving & Printing.
Treasury Dept Wash. D. C.

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter 4th inst. giving prices for making plates for my counterfeit note detector, as well as prices per 1000 for impressions, I will state that your terms are accepted and hope you will have them made at your earliest convenience. For the first order I want enough impressions from the large plates, or Banking House edition to make 2000 Books. as there will be 10 plates in each Book, the number required will be 20,000 single impressions. & from the small plates or pocket edition enough for 8000 Books. as there will be 8 plates in this Book, 64,000 single impressions will be required. the same to be packed and sent to my address, and payment made as you may suggest.

Very Respt'y Yours
Laban Heath & Co.
No. 30 Hanover st
Boston. Mass.

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Aug 11. 1876

Bureau of Engr's & Steam Vessels
11th August 1876

Sirs:

Your letter accepting terms of this Bureau for furnishing certain instructions has been received, but it is without date. We have to request that you will please send an amended letter at your early convenience.

Very respectfully
Henry C. Lovell
Chief of Bureau

Messrs. Lalor Heath & Co.
No. 30 Hanover Street
Boston.

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Boston Mass
Aug. 12th 1896

Hon. H. L. Jewell
Chief bureau Engraving & prnting
Treas Dept. Wash D. C.

My dear Sir

Yours bearing date 11th Inst. is received, and as per request send amended letter. Your terms are accepted. I would like for my first order, enough impressions from the large plates, or Banking House Edition, for 2,000 Books. as there will be 10 impressions in each book including frontispiece I shall want 20,000 single impressions. and from the small plates, for pocket Ed— sufficient for 8000 Books or 64,000 single impressions.

Very Resp Yours
Laban Heath & Co.
No. 30 Hanover St.

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Treasury Department
14th August 1876

Mr. Henry O. Jewell
Chief of Bureau of Engraving and Printing
Sir.

You are hereby authorized and directed to prepare from the original dies now in your possession such plates as may be necessary to print specimens of United States and National bank notes to illustrate the work known as Heath's Bank Note Detector. The sections of notes used for this purpose must be cancelled in such a manner as will prevent any improper use of the same.

When completed you are authorized to print therefrom such impressions as may be ordered by Messrs Heath and Company.

The entire expense of this work to be reimbursed the Government by Messrs Heath & Co.

Very respectfully
H. F. French.
Assistant Secretary.

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Boston October 23" 1846

Hon. H. L. Jewell
Chief of Bureau Engraving & Printing

Dear Sir.

We are now ready to go to work on the new book, just as soon as we can get the impressions, and I will write to ascertain when we can have them, the proof impressions are in the hands of the publisher, and with the exception of the Frontispiece is ready to be bound— please let me know how soon you think I can get the rest; or a part of them,

and oblige
Very Resp. Yours
Labaree & Heath
31 Hanover St.
Boston Mass.

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6th Dec. 6.

Messrs. Gaboon Heath and Co,
Boston Mass:

Gentlemen:

We have now ready for shipment 11,000 impressions for the pocket edition of your Counterfeit Bank Note Detector.

Before we proceed further it will be necessary for you to deposit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at Boston Mass, to the credit of the appropriation for "Labor and Expenses of Engraving and Printing, 1877" the entire cost of your order for this work, namely, $1,118.01 cts.

Please give this your immediate attention and promptly advise me of the deposit.

Very respectfully

Chief of Bureau

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Boston Dec. 9th 1876

H. L. Jewell.
Chief of Bureau Engraving and Printing
Dear Sir.

Your communication was received yesterday, Your request shall be complied with as soon as I can see a proof of the Banking House Edition I understood that the proofs were to be forwarded this week, but as yet have not received them immediately on their reception, if they are correct I will deposit the requisite amount

Very Resp.
L. Heath & Co.

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Reg 17-22

17th Dec 6

Sirs:

Your of the 9th instant is received. I have to day sent you by express a package containing proofs of the remainder of the plates as you request. These proofs are not the final ones, — several plates in the plates needing to be cleaned, which is now being done, — and they are sent to you in order that you may not be unnecessarily delayed.

Very respectfully

Chief of Bureau.

Messrs. Sahar Heath & Co,
No. 30 Hanover St,
Boston

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Boston Dec. 11" 1896

H. D. Jewell
Chief of Bureau Engraving and Printing
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir.

The proof impressions of Banking house edition is received. I have deposited the requisite amount, for which please find enclosed receipts. I shall be ready in the course of a week for impressions of Pocket-edition

Very Resp. Yours
Laban Heath & Co.
30 Hanover St.

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Boston Dec. 13" 1886

H. L. Jewell
Chief of Bureau Engraving & Printing
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir.

The proof impressions for Banking House edition is received, am very much pleased with them and wish to express my thanks for the many favors received. The letter press is complete and is now in the hands of the printer, shall be glad to get final proof, as those sent are a little small for the book

Most Respectfully Yours
Laban Heath & Co.
31 Hanover St.

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Reg 17-24

19th Dear 6

Messrs Laban Heath & Co,
No 90 Canonet Street Boston.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 11th instant enclosing original certificate of deposit of the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at Boston, numbered 92, for the sum of $1484.00 is received. I have to request that you will also send the duplicate receipt.

Very respectfully,

Chief of Bureau

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Boston, Mass.
Dec. 15, 1876

H. G. Jewell
Chief of Bureau Engraving & Printing
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir.

Your request I comply with by enclosing duplicate receipt. Please acknowledge receipt, and oblige

Very Resp Yours
Laban Heath & Co.
31 Hanover St.

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(Encloses certificate of deposit with U. S. Asst Treasurer at Boston for $1484.)

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Boston Mass.
Dec. 16" 1876

H. C. Jewell Esq.
Chief of Bureau Engraving & Printing
Treas. Dept.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir.

Will you, if you have them ready, send me impressions sufficient for 1000 books (Pocket-edition) I am all ready for them and am at a "Stand Still" till I get them

Very Resp. Yours
Leban Heath & Co.
3n Hanover St.

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18th Dec. 6.

Messrs. Eaton Smith & Co.
No. 30 Hanover Street.
Boston.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant enclosing 1 Wells certificate of deposit for $1484.00 also your note of the 16th

I forward you by Adams Express Company today 1400 impressions, (4 plates) an impression of specimens of genuine United States and national currency notes and frontispiece for the pocket edition of your Bank Note Detector.

These impressions comprise the plates for 1000 books, - one half your order

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for the small edition, and equal
32,000 single plates of that size. Please
acknowledge the receipt of the same.

Very respectfully

Chief of Bureau

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19th Dec. 6.

Messrs Labagh Heath & Co,
No 30 Hanover St, Boston:

Gentlemen:

The shipment of which I notified you yesterday was not made.

I have forwarded to you to day by Adams Express Company 12,000 impressions, 11 plates to an impression of specimens of genuine U. S. notes and national bank currency and frontispiece for the pocket edition of your Bank Note Detector. These impressions comprise the plates for 6000 banks and signal 48,000 single plates.

Very respectfully,

Chief of Bureau.

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Boston Dec. 21st, 1876

H. O. Jewell Esq.
Chief of Bureau Engraving & Printing.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir.

We received this morning by Express 3 Cases, one of which we opened and found all right in every particular. I wish when the Banking House editions are ready, you would send me Sufficient impressions for 100 Books by Express, and the residue together with the rest of the pocket edition, you would send by water, the Express rates are enormous, the Co. charging $17.40 for what I have received.

Very Resp. Yours
Laban Heath
311 Hanover St.

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2nd Dear 6

Messrs. Eaton Keath & Co,

Boston, Mass:

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 21st instant is received, and in accordance with your request, impressions sufficient for one hundred of the banking-house edition will be at once sent you by express.

The remainder cannot be sent by water as you request as the river is frozen over; but if you will so direct me and expressly assume all the risks of damage to the plates, by handling, &c, I will forward them by freight, which will be somewhat cheaper than express.

Very respectfully

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Boston Mass.
Dec. 26" 1876

H. C. Jewell Esq.
Chief of Bureau Engraving and Printing
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir.

Your favor is at hand, in reply will state that I intend visiting Washington in a few days and will attend to the shipping of the plates. You will please send impressions of Banking House edition sufficient for 1111 Books, as soon as they are ready

Most Resp. Yours
Loban Heath
Jr Hanover N.H.

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Boston, Mass.
Janry 15th 1877

N. C. Jewell, Esq
Chief of Bureau
Eng. & Printing

Dear Sir

After considering the matter, in regard to transportation of the plates, I think the safest way, the best, therefore when ready you will please send by Express. If I had them sent by freight the Cartage &c would amount in all, to about the same rate as Expressage.

Very Respy Yours
Laban Heath
30 Hanover St.

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Messrs. Labar Knight & Co,

Boston.

Gentlemen:

In compliance with your request we have forwarded the remainder of the Specimens for your selection by express.

This completes your order for these impressions. Please acknowledge the receipt of all you have received.

Very respectfully

Chief of Bureau.

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Boston Jany 22" 1877

H. C. Jewell
Chief of Bureau
Engraving & Printing
Treas Dept.
Wash. D. C.

Dear Sir

Yours of 19 inst rec'd. We have received 5 Cases of Impressions for Banking House Ed. and 4 Cases of Impressions for Pocket Ed. the 9 Cases together with what was forwarded for the first lot, is the full amount ordered. We have opened but 3 of the Cases and they were in good order

Very Resp. Yours
Laban Heath & Co
30 Hanover St.

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A.K.
H.J.

Treasury Department,
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C. 2d March, 1877

Mr. Henry C. Jewell
Chief of Bureau of Engraving and Printing
Sir.

You are hereby authorized and directed to prepare from the original dies black backs and green tints for the backs of national bank currency now in your possession, such plates as may be necessary to print specimens to illustrate the work known as Heaths Bank note Detector. The sections of notes used for this purpose must be canceled in such a manner as will prevent any improper use of the same.

When completed you are authorized to print therefrom such impressions as may be ordered by Messrs Laban Heath & Co.

The entire expense of this work is to be reimbursed the government by said firm.

Very respectfully
Chas F. Conant
Acting Secretary.

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March 5th 1877

Henry G. Jewell Esq
Chief of Bureau of
Engraving and Printing
U.S. Treasury
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

In accordance with the order of the Secretary I would respectfully ask that you prepare the following plates for producing impressions to be used in our Counterfeit Detector, viz

Such portions of the backs of the Fives; Tens; Twenties Fifties; One Hundreds; Five Hundreds and One Thousands, National Currency Notes, as modeled by Mr. Geo. W. Casilear, and that you will print therefrom in Brits, impressions for Eight thousand copies of the Pocket Edition, and Two thousand copies of the Banking House Edition of the Detector

Very Respectfully Yours
Laban Heath

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Boston April 17th 1877

A. C. Jewell Esq
Chief of Bureau
Engraving & Printing
Treas Dept. Wash. D.C.

Dear Sir

Just as soon as a sufficient number of impressions are completed to make 200 Books of each size I would like to have them shipped me by express the residue I shall have sent as freight, if they are not ready will you please inform me when I may expect them. My Agents are waiting anxiously for the completion of the work, and I am as anxious to get them out.

Very Resp Yours
Laban Heath
80 Hanover St.

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19th April 07

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 17th inst. is received. There were forwarded to you on that date by express impressions for one thousand copies each of the Pocket and Bank Note editions of your Detector. Very respectfully

Chief of Bureau.

Mr. Lafayette Heath,
pa Ed Manauer St,
Boston.

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Boston Mass
April 21st 1877

A. C. Jewell, Esq
Chief of Bureau
Engraving & Printing
Treas Dept Wash. D.C.

Dear Sir

The impressions arrived in good order and very much pleased with them very grateful for the promptness displayed in sending them. We shall get the Books ready in a very short time - trusting the residue will be in as good condition. I am Sir

Very Resp. Yours
Laban Heath

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Boston, December 6th 1877

Hon Edward M Pierson
Chief of Bureau of Engraving & Printing
Washington, D.C.

Sir

Please favor us by forwarding the bill for Impressions, you have on hand, for Heaths Counterfeit Detector, with instructions where to pay the bill; we need them to complete the work for the binder.

They complete an order a portion of which was received last April, and consists of Backs of National Bank Notes; they correspond with Fronts we have on hand.

Very Respectfully,
Laban Heath & Co
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Memorandum relative to work done for Heath & Co.

December 12 - 77

As the result of repeated application both verbal and in writing, by Messrs Heath & Co, a letter was written them by the Chief of Bureau August 4th - 1876 giving prices for preparing plates and printing therefrom specimens of United States Notes and National Bank Notes.

This letter was approved by Act'g Secretary Conant, and became the basis of an order from Heath & Co.

Authority to execute the work ordered was given the Chief of the Bureau by Assistant Secretary French. This order was to make plates, from genuine rolls for the "faces" of the various denominations of United States and National Bank Notes, to be cancelled in such a manner as would prevent any improper use, and to print therefrom, certain impressions to be used to illustrate a work known as Heath's Counterfeit Note Detector. This work was completed as ordered and on Dec. 15th Messrs Heath & Co. deposited the amount of the bill of this Bureau for the same with the Asst Treasr at Boston, Mass.

Subsequently Mr. Lyman Heath had several interviews with the Chief of the Bureau, the actg Chief Clerk of the Department and the Assist. Secretary in which he represented that this work would be incomplete without the "tint" and "back" of the National Bank Notes.

On the 2nd March 1877 Actg Secy. Conant authorized

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the Chief of the Bureau to prepare the necessary plates and print such impressions as Messrs Heath & Co ordered 10.000 impressions of "tints and backs"

On April 17th 1877 2.000 imps. were forwarded them; and the remaining 8.000 imps. are boxed and ready for shipment. Messrs Heath & Co have made no payment on this last order.

I have a letter dated December 6th asking for the bill of the impressions left on hand and for instructions as to the matter of payment.

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Dec. 12, 1877

Heath & Co., Correspondence.

1876. May 29 Letter rec'd. from H. & Co. by Secretary asking that authority be given Chief of Bureau to prepare certain plates & to print therefrom.

July 17 Letter rec'd. by Chief asking cost of work, &c.

July 20 Letter sent (#52 p. 427) to Secy. by Chief stating facts rel. to Heaths & Co's application.

July 26 Letter rec'd. by Secy. from Heath & Co rel. to their application.

August 4 Letter sent (#53 p. 57) to Baban Heath & Co., approved by Acting Secretary Conant, giving Bureau terms for preparing the plates & printing therefrom.

August 11 Letter sent (#53 p. 105) to Heath & Co. by Chief acknowledging defective letter and asking for another.

August 12 Letter received by Chief accepting term of Bureau as per letter of the 4th Aug.

August 14 Letter received by Chief from Assistant Secretary (French)

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French giving him authority to prepare plates for Heath & Co. and to print therefrom.

1876 Oct. 23 Letter received from Dalan Health asking when he can have impressions.

Dec. 6 Letter sent to Heath & Co. saying as soon as deposit is made shipment of impressions will be made (#54 f. 224)

Dec. 9 Letter recd from Heath & Co saying as soon as they receive proofs they will make deposit.

Dec. 11 Letter sent (#54 p 254) to Heath & Co saying that proofs had been sent.

Dec. 11 Letter recvd ack'g receipt of proofs, and saying that deposit had been made.

Dec. 13 Letter received ack.d receipt of additional proofs.

Dec. 15 Letter received enclosing duplicate certificate of deposite for #1484 ⁄⁄⁄.

Dec. 18 Letter sent (#54 p 305) ack'g receipt of letter of 15th Dec. with certf. of deposit, and advising H. & Co. of addl. shipment of impressions being made.

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1876 Dec. 19 Letter sent (#54 $3221 shipment as per yesterday letter postponed to to-day.

Dec. 19 Letter recd. ordering impressions for pocket edition.

Dec. 21 Letter recd. giving directions as to shipment of impressions.

Dec. 23 Letter sent (#54 $347) stating that shipment of impressions by water is now impossible.

Dec. 26 Letter recd. ackg letter of Dec. 23d. Will be in Wash. in a few days and arrang as to shipments.

1877 Jan. 15 Letter recd. asking that shipment be made by express instead of freight.

Jan. 19 Letter sent (#55 $5) saying that shipment per express has been made.

Jan. 22 Letter recd. ackg receipt of shipment.

March 2 Letter recd. from Actg Secy. Conant authorizing add'l impressions & plates.

March 5 Letter recd. ordering add'l impressions & plates.

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1877 April 17 Letter rec'd. rel. to shipments in future.

April 19 Letter sent (#551 p300) ackg Letter of 17th
Shipment by express has been made.

April 21 Letter rec'd. ackg. receipt of impressions.

Dec. 6 Letter rec'd. requesting bill for impressions &c.

Endorsement
Heath & Co.

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12th Dec 77

Gentlemen:

As requested by you in your letter of the 6th instant, I enclose herewith the bill of this Bureau against your firm for making plate for tints and back for national bank currency and printing therefrom amounting to $1068 00. Please deposit this amount in the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at Boston to the credit of the appropriation for "Labor and expenses of engraving and printing, 18[illegible]" and send certificate of deposit in duplicate to me. On receipt of this certificate and instructions from you, the impressions now on hand in this Bureau will be forwarded to you.

In reference to the price charged for printing the double impressions, I have to

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say that it was found necessary to place the most expert of our printers upon this work in order to produce satisfactory results, and you have been charged only with the net cost to the Government of the production of this work.

Very respectfully,

Yours,

[signature]

Chief of Bureau.

Messrs. Laban Heath & Co.,
No. 30 Kanawha St.,
Boston.

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Boston, December 15, 1877

Hon Edward McPherson
Chief of Bureau of Engraving & Printing
Treasury Department Washington,
D.C.

Sir

Yours of the 12th inst with bill enclosed for one thousand eight dollars (1008-) for labor & expenses of engraving & printing, was duly received & contents noted, & in reply have to say we have paid amount as directed herewith enclose "certificate of deposit" as per your instructions; and you may please forward the impressions to our address per Adams Express.

We are surprised that the extent is greater than the understanding with Mr Jewel, your predecessor, and being very much in need of the impressions, send, or may into the Sub Treasury, the amount your name, believing that in some future order you will be able to give us additional Impressions to balance this overcharge.

Very Respectfully
Laban Heath & Co.
per Barry.

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Bureau of Engraving & Printing
1st December 1877.

Sir

I have your letter of the 5th enclosing the certificate of the Cashier of the United States at Boston for $1008.00

There is nothing on record in the Department showing any understanding with Messrs. Barrett as to the charge for these impressions, and the bill was made up on the basis of what it cost the Bureau to produce them. I had all the vouchers carefully examined before writing to you with a view to ascertain the exact position of the affair.

The impressions paid for will be forwarded as you request to your address in Adams Express.

Very respectfully.
Edwd. M. Dickerson.
Chief of Bureau.

Messrs. Barrett Read & Co
Nos. 30 & 32 Kilby St.
Boston.

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Boston, January, 1, 1878.

Hon Edward W. Thomson

Chief of Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

Sir,

Your letter of the 17th inst received, but the impressions have not yet come to hand, may not the same mistake that was made in directing the letter, have been made with them. if so, will you please order them forwarded to this city (the letter was directed to Brooklyn, New York) and if they have not yet left the Department will you also please order them forwarded immediately as we are in need of them, and greatly oblige

Yours Very Respectfully

Laban Heath & Co.

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Bureau of Engraving & Printing
May 18th 1880

Hon. John Sherman,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Sir.

My attention has recently been called to a number of impressions printed upon ordinary plate paper, evidently made from counterfeit plates executed by the Secret Service Division. I have caused a careful schedule of the same to be made, a copy of which I enclose herewith. The packages are marked with the date, April 29, 1880, and from the best information I can obtain, these impressions were made in pursuance of an arrangement, entered into between Messrs. Hale & Compound, of Boston, Mass. and the officers of the Department some time prior to that date. All these impressions appear to be printed sheets remaining on hand after the completion of that order. There are also 2082 blank sheets of paper which were evidently intended to be used in making impressions for them.

I have the honor to suggest that I be permitted to deliver these impressions to the Loan and Currency Division of your office, for destruction.

Very respectfully
C. H. Stone
Chief of Bureau.

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Washington D.C. May 19, 1886.

Don C. L. Bush
Chief Bureau of Engraving & Printing
Treasury Department

Sir,

Your letter of the 18th instant, stating that you have on hand certain impressions of counterfeit U.S. Notes and National Bank Currency which were printed upon plate paper, for Messrs. Labaw Heath & Company, from captured plates furnished by the Secret Service Commission; also two thousand and eighty two (2082) sheets of plate paper not printed upon, and recommending that the same be delivered to this office for destruction, has been received.

In reply, you are hereby authorized and directed to deliver, for destruction to the Loan and Currency Division of this office, the impressions and blank paper referred to. When the same shall have been destroyed, a duplicate of the certificate of destruction will be furnished your office.

Very respectfully
J. K. Upton
Assistant Secretary

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Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

Washington, D. C., March 3d, 1883.

W.T.

Wm. T. Burrill,

Chief Bureau of Engraving and Printing,

Sir:

Please furnish for the use of this Office copies of all the correspondence, committee reports & other papers on file in the Bureau under your charge relative to the authority granted in 1868 to Baban Heath, of Boston, to have plates taken "off from the genuine plates upon which the genuine U. S. bonds" and other securities of the U. S. were printed, "to be used in a work entitled "The American Bond Detector and Complete History of all the United States Securities"; also copies of all correspondence relative to any claim the said Heath may have

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...ave filed; or others may have filed on their ...
...Earhart on his behalf growing out of ...
...his alleged authority; and especially a copy ...
...of a letter to Senator Culberson on this sub-
ject, dated on or about February 21, 1896.

Very respectfully,

Chas. E. Coon

Assistant Secretary.

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(Encl.)

March 7th, 85.

Hon. Chas. E. Coon,

Asst. Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

In compliance with your request by letter of the 3rd instant, I have the honor to transmit herewith copies of all the correspondence, committee reports and other papers on file in this Bureau, relative to the authority granted in 1868, to Aaron Heath, of Boston to have plates taken up from the genuine plates from which the U.S. bonds and other securities of the United States were printed, for use in his Counterfeit detector, and also copies of all correspondence relative to the claim of said Heath or others filed in his behalf, growing out of such

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such authority. No letter or copy of letter to Senator Caperton on this subject has been found in the files or records of this office.

Very respectfully

D. N. Burrell

Chief of Bureau

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In re printing for Messrs Laban Heath & Co.

On the 3rd day of September 1866 Hon. Hugh McCulloch Secretary of the Treasury, gave Messrs Laban Heath & Co. permission to use certain cuts engraved for the issue of national bank notes & United States legal-tender notes, in the preparation of a counterfeit-detector.

On the same day Mr Heath asked the Secretary for an order on Mr S. M. Clarke superintendent of engraving & printing, to furnish impressions from said cuts.

On September 14, 1866 the Secretary gave the order on Mr Clarke to print for Mr Heath copies of designs designated by him.

This work for Messrs. Laban Heath & Co. continued on subsequent orders from the Secretary of the Treasury until March 1869 when in accordance with the following clause in the act providing for deficiencies approved March 3, 1869 (Stats at Large, volume 15, page 312) it was discontinued.

"Provided. That no work shall be done in the engraving & printing bureau for private parties"

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Mch. 12th 1867 - A plate was made for the Heath Counterfeit Detector containing original transfers of the faces 5-ct. 10 ct. 25-ct. & 50 ct. F.C. notes also a transfer of a 50 ct. F.C note head of Spinner

Pl. 1

Mch. 21st 1867 Mr. Clark Chief of Bureau under the Hon. Hugh McCulloch Sec. = Received his first order for printing the above plate signed by Wm. E. Chandler, Asst. Secy. on which day the plate went to press. — including a plate made up of a series of heads and an eagle which Heath used as a frontispiece to his work.

Apl. 8th 1867 A duplicate of pl: 1 was made for a larger edition of the Heath work in addition to the F.C. Transfers, a Vignette of Hamilton and a lathe work counter 50 was added,

Pl. 2

Nov. 30th 1868 - Printed for Heath a $ 10 = No. 6. captured counterfeit pl:

Dec. 2d 1868 Printed for Heath a $ 20 = No. 6. captured counterfeit pl:

About the 15th Nov. 1868 - Commenced to lay down or make the plates for the Bond Detector published by Heath & his associates, these plates were some 25 in number including specimens of Rev. stamps. Registered and Coupon Bonds, showing the several styles of Vignettes, counters & lettering used on the government issues &c. Also in the same lot - 2 pls. an obverse and reverse of a $ 20 coupon bond, captured from counterfeiters.

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Jan. 26" 1869, several of these plates were first sent to press for printing, all of which followed close after that date

Earliest Data in re L. Heath U.S. Co.

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